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In Re Application of: Examiner: B. Whiteman

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Title: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING

ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE, POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action, mailed on February 15, 2006. Applicants request a two-month extension of time and attach the appropriate fee, making a response due on or before July 15, 2006. Since July 15, 2006 falls on a Saturday, a response filed Monday, July 17, 2006 is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.